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Regarding JP2000026015, its relevance is as stated in the enclosed Search Report by the European Patent Office, mailed September 6, 2002, based on a corresponding PCT application.

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